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this should pay the full fee and this is clarifying language to make sure that only qualified landowners pay the fee, and they can't say they're leasing land when they're not actually leasing it and they're not involved in agriculture. It also requires the Game and Parks Commission to develop rules and regulations for species harvest allocation pertaining to the sex and age of the species harvested, which are different for a limited permit than for other hunting permits. It treats the white tail deer and the mule deer as one species for the section of this law. As we go down the list here it increases the acres for a landowner's permit from 80 acres, for an elk, to 320 acres. you know, our elk herd resides in the western part of the state and if you want to hunt elk in the state of Nebraska and you're not a resident landowner you can only get one permit in your lifetime; if you're a resident landowner you can get three. But it requires you to own 320 acres instead of 80 acres to qualify as a landowner, for a permit to hunt elk as a landowner. Section 13 and 17 are the same as Sections 15 and through 19 in the original bill. Section 13 requires nonresident hunters hunting game birds at licensed game breeding or controlled shooting areas to purchase a habitat stamp and pay a license fee of not less than a resident hunting permit, and this is clarifying language because it's not quite clear nonresident hunter who comes in to shoot at a shooting area required to buy the hunting permit at the...at the controlled shooting area. Section 14 clarifies the regulatory authority of the commission in regulating the selling of bait species. Right now, there are certain salamanders and frogs that Game and Park thought it was necessary to protect so they would not be used for bait. Some of these are...their populations are slipping in the state. It would allow them to regulate that. Certainly, if you want to go catch a toad behind the house and use it for bait you can still do that. And this probably does not apply to the minnows that are being sold now because none of those are on the endangered species list or ... or on the threatened species list. But it does allow the commission to protect some of the...some the frogs and some of the salamander type of species in the state from use...being used...being sold as bait. Section 15 regulatory authority of the commission to clarifies the establish which bait species a nonresident fish dealer, holding valid nonresident fish dealer permit, can buy or sell.